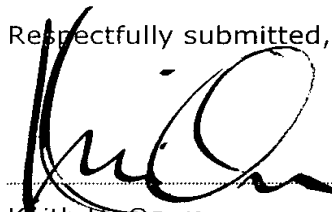


15. An appliance according to claim 3, characterized in that at least one of the jaws (8 or 9) has a fixture (17) to position the sleeve (4) and the hose (2) between the jaws (8, 9).
16. An appliance according to claim 4, characterized in that at least one of the jaws (8 or 9) has a fixture (17) to position the sleeve (4) and the hose (2) between the jaws (8, 9).
17. An appliance according to claim 2, characterized in that the bar/bars (11) and the cutting edge (15) are situated on one jaw (8), and that the fixture (17) is situated on the other jaw (9), the bar/bars, the cutting edge and the fixture being mounted on or being made in one piece with the associated jaw.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies, and placing the claims in proper form.

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